Brewery Wks

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TO: EINAR MOHN

Friday night I met in Pittsburgh with two stewards, one of whom has been an unsuccessful candidate for B. A. employed at Iron City Brewery, also known as Pittsburgh Brewery. There was also to have been a third representative present, but they advised us that this third man broke his ankle and could not be there. These 2 representatives advised us that there was a high state of discontent in their own local and also among the members of the Bottlers Union, Local 144, CIO. They advised us that their people very definitely want a new affiliation. They would like to come into the Teamsters but there is such a high degree of resentment felt because of the beer war, that they will not accept affiliation with Pittsburgh Joint Council #40. If we could have assured them Friday night that they would not be obliged to affiliate with Joint Council 40, they would have been willing to take authorization cards and start pedding them the next morning. I left each of them with a copy of the Constitution and explained to them the provisions that would most concern them, such as per capita tax, dues and etc. They ask whether they would loss autonomy by affiliating with the teamsters, and I assured them they would enjoy as much if not more with us as they would with the CIO.

These 2 people advised us there are 700 people in the Brewers Union 22, their local, and there are 2200 people employed in the Brewing Industry in Pittsburgh. There are 3 large Breweryes; Iron City, Fort Pitt and Duquesne, in which any NLRB election woould be won or lost although there are about 5 very small Breweryes also with the Pittsburgh area, also.

These 2 man stated, both the bottlers and the brewers were wanting a change of affiliation and offered to provide us with a number of leads to be contacted as well as going to work themselves in an effort to sell the Teamsters to their own local union's membership. However, they said the beer truck drivers Local Union 67 would not be as anxious to come with the teamsters as they had a very rough time of it during the beer war and had several times declared themselves as proud of not being teamsters.

The contract with the Pitteburgh Brewery expires August 1, which leaves us in pretty good condition to go to work at once on

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the campaign. I have the names and addresses of these 2 people and they would like to hear from us by Wednesday as to whether or not affiliation with Joint Council 40 is necessary.

They are anxious to arrange meetings in order to begin organization immediately in our International Union.

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